[Translation]

Allocation for Agriculture During 8th Plan

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Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) the amount allocated for agriculture during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the said amount was sufficient for agriculture during the said period;

(c) if not, whether the Government propose to allocate more amount for agriculture during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b) The 8th Plan Public Sector Outlay including Centre and States/UTs allocated for Agriculture and Allied Activities was Rs. 22467.21 crore which showed an increase of 158.44% over the allocation of Rs. 8693.42 crore for Seventh Five Year Plan. The Central Sector outlay for Agriculture and Allied Activities for 8th Plan accounted for Rs. 11118.00 crore which was 208.83% higher than that of 7th Five Year Plan.

(c) and (d) In order to achieve a higher agricultural growth rate of 4.5% per annum as envisaged in the Approach Paper to the Ninth Plan, Agriculture Sector will get enhanced outlay for Ninth Plan.

[English]

Samaj Sadans

2645. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether an Inter-departmental Committee was set up to examine the construction of Samaj Sadans in Government colonies and to upgrade the existing Samaj Sadans;

(b) whether the Committee has submitted its report;

(c) if so, the details of the recommendations and action taken thereon;

(d) whether the Government have decided to construct/upgrade Samaj Sadans in Sector 8, 12 and 1 of R.K. Puram, New Delhi; and

(e) if so, the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b) An Inter-departmental Committee constituted in May, 1989 to scrutinize and accord approval to architectural designs for construction of community centres under the administrative control of Grih Kalyan Kendra was asked in August, 1992 to review the entire scheme relating to construction of Samaj Sadans. The Committee submitted its report towards the end of April, 1993.

(c) to (e) A list of recommendations of the Committee is enclosed as Statement. After consideration of the recommendations, it was decided that there shall be no further construction of Samaj Sadans and the sites earmarked for Samaj Sadans should be kept as open spaces for the use of children and residents.

Statement

Recommendations of Inter-Departmental Committee

1. As the Samaj Sadans are part and parcel of Government colonies, like shoppins centres etc., the Committee recommends that all new colonies that would come up in future should have provision for Samaj Sadans which would be constructed simultaneously alongwith the dwelling units. There should be no need for the Department of Personnel and Training to issue Administrative approval and expenditure sanction for such sadans.
2. Samaj Sadan in all already built up colonies where the sites are already provided in the approved lay out plans of the colonies should be treated as pending work.
3. All such sites as mentioned in 2 above in Delhi or outside Delhi be handed over to CWPD for construction of compound wall and care and maintenance.
4. Funds for construction of compound walls, etc. be net out of funds provided for general pool housing with Ministry of Urban Development.
5. Facilities in all such sites which can be conducted outdoors and construction of temporary two rooms pavillions for housing stores and office be introduced.
6. The projects like Sector-I,M.B. Road and Sector-XII, R.K. Puram in New Delhi which are in advance stages of planning and were earlier cleared for construction be allowed to proceed. Similar projects at Salt Lake, Calcutta and Ghaziabad which are under construction be allowed to be completed.
7. Cities having good concentration of Central Government employees but where there are no Samaj Sadans constructed so far be given priority in the first stage. Atleast one full-fledged Samaj Sadan should be constructed in each

such cities. The location within the city can be decided by Central Government Employees Welfare Coordination Committee operating in that city.

8. Ministry of Urban Development should ensure construction of infrastructural facilities including Samaj Sadan in all the existing Central Government colonies for which land has already been provided for.

9. General pool construction which will be taken up future should be executed alongwith the infrastructural facilities including Samaj Sadan before the occupants move into the houses. The construction of Samaj Sadan like that of shopping compiex should be the responsibility of Ministry of Urban Development whereas functioning of Samaj Sadan would continue with the Department of Personnel and Training.

10. In order to maintain healthy atmosphere, the activities of Samaj Sadans should not be mixed up with the activities like CCHS dispensaries and Kendriya Bhandar/Cooperative Stores. The outlet of Kendriya Bhandar should find place in the shopping complex, instead of the Samaj Sadans, in the colonies. These activities are not at all desirabie in the Samaj Sadans.

Retreat of District Collectors and Superintendents of Police

2646. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a meeting of District collectors and Superintendents of Police was held recently at Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details alongwith recommendations thereof;

(c) whether the meet has also suggested some steps to tone up the administration;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (e) A Retreat of selected Collectors and Superintendents of Police was organised by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy, Hyderabad from 6-8 January, 1997, in collaboration with Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie.

2. The three main issues which were discussed at the Retreat were: Effective and Responsive Administration, Cleansing the Civil Services and Adherence to Rule of Law and Constitution.

3. The main recommendations of the meet are as under :

(i) Effective and Responsive Administration

(a) Transparency in administration.

(b) Administration to repose more faith in citizens (delayering)

(c) Effective decision-making

(d) To take steps for responsive administration by prescribing time limits

(e) Publishing procedures in simple language

(f) Notifying Mission Statement, improving internal administration by computerisation and grievance redressal.

(ii) Cleansing the Civil Services

(a) To ensure the functioning of internal vigilance for prevention of corruption in Civil Services.

(b) To strengthen self-regulatory mechanisms within the Department.

(c) Statutory functional autonomy to CBI and Anti-Corruption Bureaus.

(d) To adopt Code of Ethics (for Civil Servants)

(e) A separate examination for each civil service.

(f) Fixed tenure for Director General of Police, Chief Secretary and Cabinet Secretary.

(g) To encourage deputation of officers to non-government organisations/private sectors.

(iii) Adherence to Rule of Law and Constitution

(a) An Apex body in each State and at the Centre for regular and periodical review of various laws and enactments.

(b) Code of Conduct for governing the relationship/interaction between the civil servants and political representatives.

(c) No discretion at any level of the Government to decide the withdrawal of a criminal case.

d) To bar civil servants from contesting elections or seeking membership or office of some non-governmental bodies.

(e) Security of tenure to all civil servants.

(f) Equity in the minimum standards and level of perks attached to all posts.

4. The Retreat of Collectors and Superintendents of Police organised at Hyderabad was a part of the National Debate on an agenda for Effective and Responsive Administration initiated by the Government. The recommendations made at the Retreat will be taken into account, while finalising the Action Plan on this subject, which is proposed to be placed before a Conference of Chief Ministers.